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From: NorthEast Area Roundabouts [NEAR@cox.net]
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To: near@cox.net
Subject: Roundabout Planning & Design Workshops - 18/19 Oct'07

Dear Planner, Engineer, Community Leader,

NorthEast Area Roundabout's Autumn two-day Workshop this year will be held on **18/19 October 2007** again in **Norfolk, Mass** in the "Community Room" of the new Town Library next to 2 new Roundabouts on Rt-115 & an MBTA Station.

For more complete details on these Workshops in New England & **On-Line Registration** go to: <http://members.cox.net/near/Seminar/> & click on the **Flyer/Schedule** for details. If you are a member of town board & commission, elected official, & safety professional, Day#1 might be best for you. Day#2 will cover "Capacity Analysis Software" & many other topics.

NEAR's Workshops address the benefits, & design features of Roundabouts, as well as helping agencies "Retro-fit" old Circular Intersections to modern FHWA standards with little or no "curb work". Massachusetts has about 100 old circular intersections, Connecticut about 30, & Rhode Island also has a few left. Other Northeast states & provinces have several each of the old circles. Most of these qualify as "Historic Structures" & deserve to be preserved & given a tune-up. :-)

Construction of the 5 Roundabout Corridor in Malta, NY (<http://www.dot.state.ny.us/reg/r1/rt67/> & <http://members.cox.net/near/images/MaltaNY-Exit12-Su'06-aerial.jpg>) will help change the way drivers & highway planners & engineers look at intersection design! The climate is shifting! Besides possible Global Warming, the climate may be shifting toward the design & construction of safer, pollution reducing intersections that include 1 or more Roundabouts.

Our 2-day presentation has been greatly enhanced in the past year, now including a handout notebook (2 slides/side). In addition, side-by-side comparison animations of intersections before & after Roundabout installation make a stunning demonstration of the superior performance of the Roundabout design. Finally, the workshops are putting more emphasis on 2 lane Roundabouts, use of Roundabouts at highway interchanges, & in Roundabout Corridors.

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NorthEast Area Roundabouts (NEAR) organized its first Roundabout presentation in May'03 in Stafford, Ct for about 30 legislators, Selectmen, & highway engineers from the 10 surrounding towns in Ct, Mass, & even RI. **NEAR** & its Vermont affiliate have had 8 full days of Roundabout Workshops in 2005 attended by a total of ~160 people. In 2006, **NEAR's** Spring & Fall Roundabout Workshops reached many new people. A 3 hours of tape from the Fall opening session will be processed for use by PATV channels & community groups. This year, we are looking forward to a 2day Workshop for both Spring & Fall. Short presentations are sometimes arranged for local audiences.

Regards,

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Brattleboro, Vt 5 RDB Corridor recommended by Vt-DOT (2/07):

http://www.reformer.com/headlines/ci_5173830

Warwick, RI 5 RDB Corridor recommended by RI-DOT (1/07)

<http://www.dot.state.ri.us/engineering/Proj/apponaugcirculatormtg.pdf>

(5 RDBs, 3 will be 2 lane, & 2 will be single lane)

Malta, NY 5 RDB Corridor, 2 part of a Dumb-bell Interchange on I-87 - built 2006

<https://www.nysdot.gov/portal/page/portal/regional-offices/region1/projects/northway-exit-12>